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Publishers.
DECATUR, ILLINOIS:
Saturday Evening, Feb. 20.

In the Chicago Evening Journal keeps on, it will get a reputation for being fast and factious. It is guilty of the following:

"Here is a 'slate' for the Democrats in 1876: For President of the United States, Andy Johnson; for Governor, Elijah M. Haines. Don't blush Barney Catfield; don't laugh, A. C. Hesing; don't put your hand to your nose, Dan O'Hara."

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Augusta, Georgia, under date of February 15, says:

"The aspiras in every front yard are putting forth their leaves. A balmy breeze is to-day sweeping up from the Caribbean Sea, and those, with the charming notes of the birds among the trees, remind us that winter is gone, and that in a few weeks hence spring will be upon us in all its glory. Winter! We have not had any, unless it may be called a few cold rains and ice no thicker than this paper. We have not yet seen a single flake of snow. Overcoats have been necessary perhaps a dozen days. Shirt sleeves have been seen much oftener. My neighbor over the way sent me a box of strawberries last week, grown in the open air, and to-day I had lettuce, spinach, leeks and radishes from the garden for dinner."

Read that, and then say if this is not a great country.

SPEAKING of the poultry exhibition, and supposing that everything in the fowl line will be read with interest, prompts us to copy the following, from the pen of the well-known philosopher, J. Billings.

Roosters are the pugilists among birds, and, having no suitable shoulder to strike from, they strike from the heel. When a rooster gets whipped, the hens all march off with the other rooster, if he 'aint half so big or so handsome. It's pluck that wins a hen. Roosters, as a class, won't do any household work, you can't get a rooster to pay any attention to a young one. They spend most of their time in crowing and strutting, and once in a while they find a worm, which they make a great fuss over, calling their wives up from a distance, apparently to treat them, but just as the hens get there, this elegant cuss bends over and gobbles up the worm. Just like a man for all the world.

THE Republican party has been charged of late years with a desire to perpetuate the reign of hatred in the South, to fight the rebellion over at every succeeding election, and to keep the "outrage mill" ever grinding, for the paltry purpose of party success. Was over a more monstrous falsehood sought to be propagated, having for its object the tearing down of one party and the upbuilding of another? Had the Republican party desired to perpetuate the reign of hate, how easy would it have been to keep the South unreconstructed or under military or temporal rule for the next generation? But Reconstruction was all too speedy. Disabilities were too quickly removed, and the Southern States were invited to resume at once their old places and all their old rights and privileges—slavery only, excepted. Does this look like perpetuating the reign of hate? Was it not rather an inauguration and reign of good will and democracy, without a parallel in all human history? Who has abused these privileges? Not the Republican party, whose mission it was to grant all those bounties and concessions. That the South is not prosperous and happy to-day, is due to the fact that her leading men appreciate the aid that the Republican party has so freely tendered only as it enabled them to proceed farther on the road that leads to the recovery of what they lost in their appeal to arms—*Inter Ocean*.

GEORGE SCROGGS, editor of the *Chicago Gazette*, and President of the Illinois Press Association, is a gentleman of a most pleasant and accommodating turn. Last week after the superabundant issue in the case of White and Cuzens, and it was known that they would not be hung at the time first fixed, he invited us up to Champagne and said that he would hang some "cuss" just to do the "handsome" by us. We feel grateful to George, but there are too many cusses in Tuscola who need hanging; just a little for us to go all the way to Champagne and allow these fellows to go free. *The Chicago Gazette*.

THE Springfield, (Ill.) *Register* gives notice that unless the Republicans in the Legislature will submit quietly to the rulings of Mr. Speaker Haines, they must be suppressed by such force as will be sufficient. It alludes to Republican members as "senatorial scoundrels," "Republican thieves," and "Republican ruffians," because they protest against the exorbitant salaries of the Speaker. The *Register* is a hot iron. It is coarse and the Speaker's reply illustrates just how the new Reform movement in Illinois amounts to.—*Democrat & Gazette*.

Found in the city, three promissory notes, one signed by John Porter, one by T. J. Morrison, and one by Charles Mitchell. The owner can have the same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement. Jan 24/87

"ONE MORE UNFORTUNATE"

And yet we have intelligence of one more victim of the Haines' Correspondence Bureau. The Mt. Carmel (Wabash county) Democrat confesses to having received a copy of the Bureau letter, accompanied, as all these letters have been, by a circular requesting that paper to "go for" the Republicans in the House "editorially and sovereignly." But the Democrat—though a Democratic paper—was far too independent to be caught with such chaff, and indignantly rejected the bait in the following language:

"And now we are prepared for anything. We have received from Springfield a communication about a column in length defending the action of that Haines' Excuse us, gentlemen, if you please. We swallowed Greeley when nominated by our party, and will have to rest content with Anderson awhile, but to go Haines is a little too much. We are requested to publish this defense, and also to editorially defend Haines' outrageous acts, for which we will receive weekly letters from Springfield relative to legislative proceedings. Well, if this is a fair sample, we must say that we prefer to get up our own letters. The Independents captured the Legislature, and as usual, put the largest sized demagogue they could find in the chair, and now they want Democratic parties to shield his utter unfitness for the office. The Democrat isn't that kind, however, but expresses its opinion that the best thing that the Democrats in the House can do is to repudiate Mr. Elijah M. Haines as soon as possible, and get that elephant off the hands. His rulings have been simply disgraceful, and deserve the condemnation of all honest and honorable men, no matter what may be their political faith. The honest masses of the people want good and economical legislation; and expect places of trust to be filled by competent and trustworthy men, and the Democrat is with the honest masses and against all such political tricksters as Speaker Haines, who ruled all members out of order that proposed a reduction of his clerk's salary from \$6 to \$1 per day, and who disgraced the dignity of the Speaker's chair by his actions."

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE IN A SNOW STORM.

The Omaha Bee has the following account of the sufferings of a herdsman overtaken in a snow storm: On the morning of the 7th of January, at the beginning of the terrible storm that sprang up and continued for two or three days, George Durbin was herding a drove of 1,200 sheep only two miles from Cheyenne. The sheep began to "bunch" and were hard to drive, but nevertheless he got them within half a mile of the corral, but afterwards he and the sheep drifted eight miles from the corral. He remained with them till late in the night. He was on horseback, and his feet were protected only by thin boots. During the long night he very frequently wanted to lie down and go to sleep, but he resisted the temptation, as it was certain death if he did. He became convinced that he was going to perish, as he was aware that he was gradually freezing from his feet up, so he tied a rope around his body and then attached it to his horse, so that wherever his horse would be found he too would be discovered there. He traveled six miles and fortunately reached a house, where he received every possible attention. He was almost frozen to death, his feet and the lower portion of his legs being as solid as ice, and his face so frozen and swollen that he was hardly recognizable. For two weeks every effort was made to save his feet, but it was finally decided necessary to amputate them in order to save his life, and the operation was performed. Mr. Durbin is now entirely out of danger, and upon his recovery it is thought that he can have artificial feet made so as to enable him to walk with the use of a cane.

CASTELAR ON THE FUTURE OF SPAIN.

Castelar has been interviewed by a correspondent of the London *News*. Says the writer: I asked Senor Castelar if he were free to speak of the probabilities of the future. "The future," said he, "is chaos. The political situation is deplorable—as bad as it can be. Carism is impossible, that is one certain consolation. Alphonso is 'his difficulty.' Its very essence is reaction. It is a standing menace to every movement toward liberty. It menaces alike religious liberty, civil freedom, and public instruction. It blocks every wheel of progress. Alphonso means the dominance of priestcraft, the perpetuation of superstition, the willful intolerance of ignorance, the suppression of the liberty of the press, freedom of thought, of instruction, and of culture in our academies and universities, general darkness over the face of all the land. It may last for a time but the same elements that overthrew the dynasty before must inevitably operate to overthrow and finally exterminate it in the upheaval. In the meantime, in that I can sadly discern is that the political situation is *hopeless*. There is no uncertainty in the utterances of Castelar, and there certainly was no bitterness of personal feeling. He has no *arrière pensee* himself, his sorrowing and solicitude are for Spain. I can give expression to the emotion with which, probably for the last time, I shook the hand of this true patriot and honest man.

THE PINCHBACK CASE.

ILL. Post says purely and greatly induced prices

TELEGRAPHIC.

3 O'Clock, P. M.
RECEIVED EXPRESS for the Daily Republican.

State of Legislation in Congress.

Bills Being Pushed Forward Rapidly.

The Pinchback Case.

DOINGS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

HAINES AGAIN FRACTIOUS.

A Senator Elected in Minnesota.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 19.—The Appropriation Committee reported favorably upon three important appropriation bills, viz: To complete the south wing of the Northern Insane asylum at Elgin, to pay the principal and interest of the State indebtedness, and the Copperas Creek \$70,000 appropriation. A minority report was submitted upon the last bill, protesting against the bill as unconstitutional, and ought not to pass. The Speaker made one of his peculiar rulings in which he was sustained by the House, but it is just possible that it will be convenient to overlook this precedent before the session is over. The House ordered the bill appropriating money for the suppression of violence in Williamson County on file for consideration by sections. At the present rate of progress Williamson County will be depopulated before any relief will reach it through this Legislature.

Herron is an Independent from Bureau, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and author (ostensibly) of the "acephalous" resolution. He has been cramping himself for a speech on the subject, and, having rammed himself full to the muzzle would be a good time to shoot himself off in Committee of the Whole, and introduced a resolution to give him a chance.

Such old stagers in legislation and public service as Armstrong, of LaSalle, and Cummings, of Fulton, thought the legitimate business of the House of the people of more importance than windy speeches on a visionary and impracticable resolution, and suggested that the "gags" had better be kept turned off until after the business of the session was a little further advanced. Great was the indignation of Mr. Herron, and in his anger he forgot his respect for two of the most faithful and honest legislators on his side of the house, charging upon them that they had been hindering legislation by making windy speeches while he had kept still. Mr. Herron should not have so far allowed his wrath to control his judgment to talk thus to these gentlemen. It is not true that they retard legislation. While they have been constantly in their seats or in committee attending to business, he has been at his room or elsewhere a great deal of his time, cramping himself for this great effort on a non-sensical resolution. Mr. Herron hurt himself and his cause by his hot-headed, ill considered remarks to-day.

A NEW INVENTION.

Scrubner, in his *Miscellany* for February, describes a writing machine, or type writer, which is thus spoken of: "It is so simple that the veriest child who can spell can write with it as well as any one, and it is so easily learned that any person can become familiar with it in a very short time. Its speed is twice that of the pen, and the work is in the plainest of print, so that there is no possible chance of mistaking a word. It is adapted to any and all work to which the pen is adapted, except writing a bound book. The ink is imparted either by an inking-ribbon such as is used in common hand stamps, or by carbonized paper such as is used for 'manifold' writing with the stylus. By using copying-link on the inking ribbon, from one to three or four copies of the writing can be taken in a copy-book by the common copy-press, the same as is done with pen writing; and by using carbonized paper for ink, and 'manifold' paper for writing on, from ten to twenty-five copies can be made at the same time. To those obliged to use the pen to convey their thoughts to others, such an invention would be appreciated. The machine is the invention of a Milwaukee gentleman, the Hon. C. Latham Sholes, a life-long editor and prominent citizen."

The trouble with his resolutions is that, on motion of Mr. Speaker Haines, who took the floor for that purpose, they were referred to the Committee of the Whole, and can not now be taken up in the House until the committee report them back. They will probably stay there some time.

WASHINGTON, February 19.—Senator Morton does not consider the vote upon Pinchback, taken yesterday, as the final end of the matter. He will call up the case again as soon as he can have a fair opportunity, possibly to-night. He regards the action upon this case as a matter of absolute necessity in the condition of affairs circulating here prepared for the occasion of Andy Johnson's return. It contains his likeness, the autographs of all who voted for his impeachment. "Time at length makes all things even," Mr. Johnson will receive a congratulatory dinner on his arrival.

Col Scott, who a week ago regarded the Texas bill as a weak that he decided not to have it reported from the House committee at the present session, now thinks he can pass it in the House, and to-day the H. use committee reported his bill favorably. It is an attempt will be made to consider it early next week. Both branches made rapid progress with business to-day. The army bill, which was expected to cause delay in the House, was passed upon more rapidly than usual, and passed. The Senate considered and finished the Indian bill.

The tax bills seem to be losing strength. When the regular order was demanded this morning Mr. Dawes, to test the sense of the House, antagonized the motion to proceed with the private

calendar with one to go into Committee of the Whole on the tax bill, which was lost by a vote of yeas 115; nays, 117.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 19.—The first ballot to-day, in the joint convention, resulted in the election of S. J. R. McKim to be U. S. Senator, in place of Ramsey, by a vote of 82 to 61 for Lothrop. The Senator-elect is the present Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. He is a man of unimpeachable integrity, of very moderate abilities and always a Republican in politics, though having been for many years on benches of District and Supreme courts, his participation in political affairs has been limited to casting his vote. His age is about fifty years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

MRS. FITCH'S DIAMONDS.

[From the *Inter-Ocean*.]
The diamond necklace presented by the Khedive of Egypt to General Sherman's recently married daughter, it is well known, has been tied up in the New York Custom House for a couple of months or so on account of the duties which by law must be paid on diamonds imported from abroad. These duties, it has been stated, are in the neighborhood of \$75,000, and it has been considered a question how the goods could be had and these high, and it would seem from all the circumstances, unjust duties set aside. But Senator Dorsey, of Arkansas, like the gallant man he is, here came to the relief of the youthful madame, who must have been dying, you know, to come into possession of her famous necklace. On Saturday last the Senate granted him its unanimous consent to introduce a bill providing that these diamonds shall be admitted free of duty. This we believe to be right, for it would be a very ungenerous thing to tax any article which comes as a present to a citizen—as in this instance—as also an expression of the good will of another nation. The duties might have been avoided altogether had the Khedive been booked up as to our laws on the subject. So we think Mr. Dorsey did about what was right in the premises, and so the Senate seems to have thought, for there was no objection to the bill. We are of the opinion that if a people will be found to object to the permission the bill gave, though we believe the worthy potentate might have conveyed his regards in a shape that would have been quite as tasteful and of more real benefit to the parties concerned. Just think of the anxieties which will afflict the fair young owner of that costly bauble! It can only be worn on very rare occasions, if at all, and there are plenty of desperate characters who would run the risk of their lives to watch it from her neck in a crowd. Then it must be kept in a fire proof vault, most probably insured at a high rate, saying nothing of the taxes which will be imposed upon it. Really, the satisfaction of possessing so proud a token will be attended with constant solicitude, and bring many a sleepless night to the fair possessor before she is "aged and gray." But she will only be too happy, we suppose, to take all these chances.

Leg Broken.

This morning Mr. Lewis Riggs, who lives in the house of J. H. Myers, on East Main street, was coming to town with a load of wood, which he had put upon his wagon at some place a few miles east of town. When within about three miles of the city, he came to a steep hill, and thinking he had more of a load than his horses could draw up so steep a pitch, he halted his team and stepped upon the wagon for the purpose of throwing off a portion of the wood.

While thus engaged, by some means he fell backward on the ground, and a heavy stick of wood followed him, which before he could get out of the way, fell upon his right leg, breaking one bone about three inches below the knee. Mr. Riggs was rendered comparatively helpless by his fall and injury, and was not able to get upon his wagon for a half an hour or more, and as he was on a byroad at the time of the accident, no one happened along to assist him. He finally managed to get upon his wagon, and came on to his home as indicated.

Mrs. Chenoweth & Walston were called on and are attending to the wants of the injured man as we go to press.

Strayed.

From the premises of the subscriber, in Decatur, Saturday Feb. 18th, a light roan cow, three years old, rather small in size, horns short and drooping, and point towards each other. Was dry when she went away. A suitable reward will be paid for her return. 15-d&w1w JOHN A. BOHRER

Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the best

Spectacles in the city, and sells them at a reasonable price. [Sept 1-dim]

New Advertisements.

STAMP YOUR CHECKS!

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF the new law in force regarding stamps on checks:
Sec. 15.—That the words "Bank Check" or "Order for the payment of any sum of money, whatsoever, drawn upon any Bank, Banker or Trust Company, at sight or on demand 2 cents," in Schedule B, of the Act of June 20, 1861, be and the same is hereby stricken out, and the following paragraph inserted in lieu thereof: "Bank Check, Draft, Order or Voucher, for the payment of any sum whatsoever, drawn upon any Bank, Banker, or Trust Company, 2 cents."
The penalty for every violation is \$50. In view of the above the undersigned has and is hereby calling the attention of the business community to it, and requests a careful compliance on the part of their customers from and after this date.
DECATUR NATIONAL BANK,
BUCKNER HAMMER & CO.,
MILWAUKEE, WIS.
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MIDWIFERY!

MRS. HERMINA WEICHMANN

A graduate of the St. Louis School of Midwifery, is now located in Decatur, and will attend to all calls for her services, either night or day.

Cupping and Bleeding Promptly Attended to.

es. Mrs. Weichmann has a Diploma duly signed by the Medical Professors of the above Institution, which may be seen in her office at any time.

OFFICE.—North-east corner East Main and Franklin streets.
Feb. 17, 1875-3dm.

NEW RESTAURANT

CONFECTIONERY!

J. P. JARMAN,

HAVING greatly improved and renovated the Spacious Room,
Three doors north of the Opera House, Fulton's block, Decatur, Ill.,
Has opened a
First-Class Restaurant!
And Confectionery,
Where can be found all kinds of
Choice American and French Confectionaries.
If you want a good
DINNER, SUPPER or BREAKFAST
OYSTERS IN ANY STYLE,
JARMAN'S
Is the place to go.
A FEW DRY BOARDERS!
Can also be accommodated. L. E. REESE, BRAD, CARR & PIERCE, Every day.
Don't Forget the Place—Three doors north of the Opera House, Mrs. L. H. Willis old stand, Fulton's block, Decatur, Ill. Feb. 16 dim

REMOVED!

H. W. SCIBIRD

Has moved his Photograph Gallery from East Main street to
No. 20 MERCHANT ST.,
SECOND FLOOR.
Where he is promptly prepared to take
"Photos"
in the very best and latest style of the art. Please call and see the specimens of work Feb. 6, 1875-dim

FOR SALE!

A TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, on the corner of West Main and Pine streets, with the soil very low. For information inquire at Dr. Scibird's office or
GILBERT FERRY.
Sept 11-dim

\$5000.00—WANTED—A partner to take a half interest in a business in Decatur, Ill. I will secure you a good location. The business is a No. 1. Address or call
COLIN FERGUSON,
Pilot's Hotel, Decatur, Ill.
Dec. 20, 1874-dim

SPECIALTIES.

HAYS & BRUCE

Are offering some

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

IN

TABLE LINENS, TOWELS, NAPKINS, CRASHES

&c., &c., &c.

We bought largely, in January, of Bleached and Brown Sheetings and Shirtings, Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Checks, Cheviots, &c. The goods are in, and we will

GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF JANUARY PRICES ON THEM

4 Cases Dark, Medium and Light Prints just opened up.

Another lot—450 pieces Embroideries—CAME IN TO-DAY. Most of the patterns are very beautiful, and all are VERY CHEAP.

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No. 21 NORTH WATER STREET.

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KEYSTONE CARRIAGE WORKS!

WAYNE BROTHERS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, OMNIBUSES,

PEDDLING AND SPRING WAGONS.

OLD STAND OF DANIEL GAIMAN,
Corner Water and Cerro Cordo-Sts.

PLATFORM CARRIAGES built to order, PONY PHETONS, PRINCE ALBERT'S PIANO and COAL BOX BUGGIES, SULKY and LIGHT ROAD WAGONS, of all kinds. Always up to the times, and guarantee all work to be first-class. All kinds of

Sleighs Made to Order!

FANCY PAINTING A SPECIALTY.

November 17, 1873. d&w-3m

ABEL & LOCKE.

ESTABLISHED IN 1866.

It is thought that the failure of the location of the State Fair this place for the next two years owing to the limited hotel accommodations of our city. There may have other reasons, but this doubtless much to do with it.

Ice on the Mississippi river. Louis is about two feet thick, making over which thousands of people daily. Ice dealers have a stock sufficient to supply the coming season—a thing which has rarely in years past thought that ice on the Sangre de Cristo is only or quite three feet thick.

Next week there will be no amusement in this city. There is a trial performance given by the Bell Golden and Black Technical Companies and the Musicalists are all to give entertainment next week.

Last evening being quite comfortable, was well improved. It was wishing to enjoy such a quiet life in the evening. Sleighing parties were hurrying to, and the jingle of sleigh bells music for those who were compelled along on foot.

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